

on it, Mr. Clerk? Senator Carson Rogers, are you going to explain your bill?

SENATOR ROGERS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right, fine. Thank you.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, it seemed like a long time ago since I have been working on this problem. It led to the introduction of 943 which we have before us now. I am just going to give one example what brought this bill forward. And a couple of years ago a farmer in my area came to me because he was unable to get a thresher's lien taken off of his crop although he had paid the bill. And what had happened, this guy that had put a lien on the crop, was from Texas, and neglected to take it off when the bill was paid, and the lienholder had a traveling combine crew, and there was a lot of times they couldn't locate him. The man eventually was able to find him and have the lien released but it did cause quite a problem. So last year I introduced LB 393 which provided a mechanism for a farmer to get liens removed without the lienholder, but the bill had technical problems and probably didn't have the most well thought-out solution. As a result, I joined Senator Remmers in working on an interim study, 179, over the summer and LB 943 is one of the bills that resulted from that study, and the provisions of LB 943 are aimed at solving the problem that was faced by the farmer who couldn't get his lien removed and this would affect every other farmer in the state. LB 943 is the result of a study committee consisting of many organizations who have a stake in ag liens, and I can sincerely say that a working group really came to a consensus. We had, basically, every ag group in the state worked with us on this during the summer. Here is what 943 does. First of all, it takes the filing for all ag liens and makes them uniform, so that each lien filing requires the same basic information, names, addresses, social security numbers, and the amount of the lien, and so on. In the current law, each kind of ag lien is a little different, and that is one of the confusing situations in 943. If some of you look at the bill, there is about five or six sections, actually they all say the same thing but one of them is for threshers lien and one is for veterinarian lien and one of them is for feed lien and I think someday probably this should be cleared up because they could all be put into one statute. And then one of the main things is it requires that a person filing a lien send a copy of the lien filing to the